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Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

In re the Application of

Krister HANSSON et al

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For: **A PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF DECORATIVE LAMINATE**

TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPEAL BRIEF

In response to Office Action of August 25, 2010, alleging that the Appeal Brief is defective, applicants respectfully disagree. Box 4 and 10 of form PTOL/462 alleges that the Brief does not contain the concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal.

Applicants wish to point out that there is only one independent claim involved in the Appeal (independent claim 1) that the subject matter of independent claim 1 was specifically pointed out as being supported in the specification, not only in the Abstract, but also in the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 of the specification. See page 3, lines 9-13 of the original Appeal Brief.

Form PTOL/462 states that applicants have not referred to reference characters in the drawings and applicants respectfully submit that they cannot refer to reference characters in the drawings when there are no drawings in this application. The requirement for page and line reference to the specification was satisfied by applicants' reference to the single paragraph of the Abstract and the single paragraph bridging pages 1-2 of the specification which fully support the independent claim on appeal.

The Offices Action in requiring a "corrected Brief" has had no other effect than to delay applicants' issuance of a patent by delay of the appeal process.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, applicants submit herewith a "Supplemental Appeal Brief" parsing the Abstract and specification, bridging pages 1-2, which conveys no additional information than that provided in the original Brief.

Prompt forwarding to the Examiner for consideration of applicant's Brief is respectfully requested.



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